



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Palmdale, CA 93551

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STAFF REPORT: OHV Training Report

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SUBJECT: OHV Training Committee and 2014 OHV Training Report

Summary

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) training continues to be a vital role for the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division. Under the guidance of the OHV Training and Safety Coordinator, an OHV Training Committee was formed to review the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) contract, make recommendations on changes to the training program, and review and make recommendations on the current ATV certificate program. Committee members include Division staff and representatives from the SVRAs.

Discussion

The OHV Training Committee met for the first time on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at Hollister Hills SVRA to review the contract with the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA). The current contract will expire on April 30, 2015. The Committee is reviewing an option to expand OHV training to include ATV training for youth and adults, and motorcycle and recreational off-highway (ROV) training for the public. If the Committee decides to add these programs, the SVIA contract requires modification. It was clear from this meeting that there are many questions, thoughts, and ideas that require additional consideration. We decided to extend the current SVIA contract for up to one year to give this topic due consideration and develop the best foundation for a new contract in or before 2016.

The current ATV Safety Certificate program for youth poses certain logistic challenges to OHV enthusiasts. Tom Bernardo and I met with ATV Safety Institute representative Tom Yager to discuss potential solutions to these challenges. One possible solution would be to require youth to complete an online ATV Safety Program followed by a challenge course based on the ATV *RiderCourse*SM lessons. If participants pass the challenge course, they would receive an ATV safety certificate; however, if they were unable to pass the challenge course, they would need to complete the hands on ATV *RiderCourse*SM. This solution would allow a greater number of participants to receive ATV safety certificates while maintaining the ATV *RiderCourse*SM standards.

OHV Training Courses Offered at the SVRAs

SVRA	Youth ATV Classes	Private ATV Classes	ASI ATV Classes	Agency ATV Classes	Private DBS Classes	Agency DBS Classes	Private ROV Classes	Agency ROV Classes
Carnegie		X		X	X	X		X
Clay Pit	X	X	X	X				
Heber Dunes								
Hollister Hills	X			X	X	X		X
Hungry Valley	X	X				X		
Oceano Dunes	X	X		X				X
Ocotillo Wells	X			X				
Prairie City	X		X	X		X	X	X

2014 SVRA Training Totals

2014 ATV Safety Institute California ATV Totals	
6-11	220
12-17	250
Adults	1694
Total	2434

2014 SVRA OHV Training Classes	
ATV	91
Dirt Bike School	12
ROV	29
Total	132

2014 SVRA OHV Training Participants	
ATV Youth	162
ATV Adult	143
Dirt Bike School	30
ROV	79
Total	414

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None